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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Fresno – Gunman Targeting White Men Kills Three People

(U) A gunman killed three white men in downtown Fresno, California yesterday and fired at another before he was taken into custody while shouting "Allahu Akhbar," police said. The suspect, 39-year-old Kori Ali Muhammad, was also wanted in connection with the fatal shooting last week of an unarmed security guard at a Motel 6 in Fresno. Muhammad fired at least 16 rounds from a large-caliber handgun in less than a minute at four downtown Fresno locations at about 10:45 a.m. before he was spotted running through the streets by a police officer and apprehended. Local authorities said they don't believe the attack was an act of terrorism but are investigating it as a hate crime.

SOURCE: 18 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Manteca – Authorities Arrest 18 People Connected to Human Trafficking Ring

(U) Eighteen people, including three minors, are under arrest in connection in some capacity with a human trafficking sting in Manteca. Manteca police in coordination with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office conducted the sting in an effort to rescue victims of human trafficking and arrest the sexual predators who target minors. The suspects were arrested on 14 April in the operation for various offenses, with some related to prostitution. Three of the arrests were for contacting a minor with the intent to commit a sexual offense.

SOURCE: 18 April 2017, [ABC 10](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US President, Top Officials Take Aim at MS-13 Street Gang

(U) Washington – The Trump administration vowed yesterday to crack down on MS-13, a notoriously brutal Central American street gang blamed for a recent series of killings in suburban New York. The gang is known for hacking and stabbing victims with machetes, drug dealing, prostitution and other rackets. Their recruits are middle- and high-school students predominantly in immigrant communities and those who try to leave risk violent retribution, according to officials. More than 10,000 MS-13 are in the US, according to federal law enforcement officials. However, the FBI doesn't break down its national crime statistics by gang affiliation, and the bureau doesn't collect MS-13-specific data, a spokeswoman said.

SOURCE: 19 April 2017, [SF Gate](#)

(U) Georgia – Malware Hit 1,200 InterContinental Hotels Group Locations

(U) Atlanta – InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) is warning customers that malware infected point-of-sale (POS) devices at 1,200 of its locations spanning 49 states, plus Washington DC and Puerto Rico beginning in September 2016. That appears to be a sharp rise in the count of breached hotels that IHG reported in a February alert, when it reported that POS devices in restaurants and bars at 12 of its locations had been infected with malware. In its most recent update, however, IHG says that it has been coordinating a related breach response and investigation "on behalf of franchisees," and that the malware appears to have infected hotel servers, before being eradicated in full across all locations by

the end of March. The company says it's also working with law enforcement agencies to help investigate the breach.

SOURCE: 19 April 2017, [Bank Info Security](#)

(U) New York – Pizzeria Owner Sentenced to 18 Years in Prison in Mafia-Linked Drug Case

(U) Queens – A New York pizzeria owner was sentenced yesterday to 18 years in prison for trafficking more than 110 lbs. of cocaine into the United States from Costa Rica, in a case born out of a probe into an Italian organized crime group. Gregorio Gigliotti, 61, and his son Angelo were convicted by a federal jury in Brooklyn in July of crimes including conspiracy to import cocaine. The elder Gigliotti was also found guilty of two firearms offenses. The pair were arrested in March 2015, two months before US and Italian authorities said they arrested 13 people on related charges for taking part in a drug trafficking ring in Italy's southern Calabria region.

SOURCE: 19 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Suspect in Facebook Video Murder Kills Self after Police Pursuit

(U) Erie – A murder suspect who police said posted a video on Facebook of the killing of a Cleveland man fatally shot himself after a "brief pursuit" by Pennsylvania State Police officers yesterday. Steve Stephens was accused of shooting Robert Godwin Sr., 74, on a sidewalk on 16 April before fleeing in a car and uploading a video of the murder to Facebook, becoming the focus of a nationwide manhunt.

Pennsylvania State Police officers found Stephens in Erie County, Pennsylvania, after getting a tip around 11 a.m. local time from a "concerned citizen" who saw Stephens at a McDonald's. Stephens had left the restaurant but stopped briefly when officers located his car nearby. He sped away, and police then hit his car with their vehicle, causing him to lose control and spin out, at which point Stephens shot himself.

SOURCE: 19 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Egypt – Authorities Arrest Church Bombing Suspect

(U) Tanta – Egyptian police yesterday arrested a man wanted for alleged involvement in twin church bombings this month claimed by the Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Ali Mahmoud Mohamed Hassan, one of 19 suspects whose names police made public after the Palm Sunday explosions. Two suicide bombers attacked two churches in the cities of Tanta and Alexandria on 9 April, killing 45 people in the deadliest attack on Coptic Christians in recent memory. Hassan was arrested in the southern province of Qena, from where the two suicide bombers also came. The Palm Sunday bombings followed an earlier attack by a suicide bomber who detonated his explosives in a packed Cairo church in December, killing 29 people.

SOURCE: 18 April 2017, [France 24](#)

(U) Russia – Agents Kill Two Men Suspected of Plotting Attacks

(U) Moscow – The Russian counterintelligence agency, the FSB, says its agents have killed two men suspected of planning to carry out terror attacks in Russia. The men, both from Central Asia, were killed in a shootout when they resisted arrest. The agency says the suspects were in contact with recruiters from international terrorist organizations, had shown an interest in making bombs and expressed a readiness to carry out attacks in Russia. The FSB didn't identify the men, who it said were killed in a home in the Vladimir region east of Moscow.

SOURCE: 19 April 2017, [Associated Press](#)

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